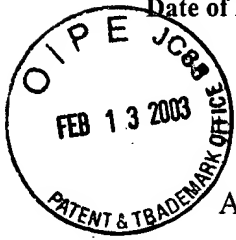


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 13, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

10. A method of inhibiting tumor growth in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a compound which inhibits expression of alpha-ketoglutarate-dependent dioxygenase aspartyl (asparaginy) beta-hydroxylase (AAH), wherein said compound is a AAH antisense nucleic acid comprising a sequence which is complementary to a 5' AAH regulatory sequence, said nucleic acid comprising 10-50 nucleotides in length.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein said tumor is derived from endodermal tissue.